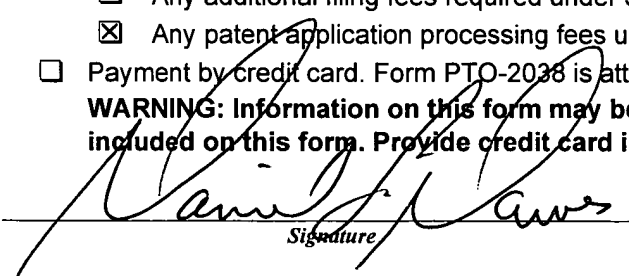
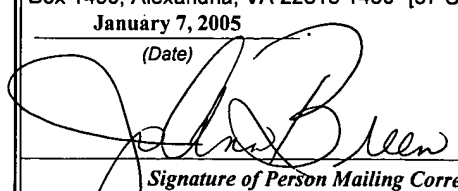
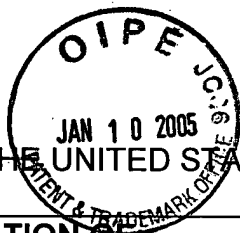


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Invention: A METHOD OF SAMPLE PREPARATION FOR ATOM PROBES AND SOURCE OF SPECIMENS					
STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97c, e AND IDS INCLUDED					
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Dear Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed Sept. 8, 2004, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

Please grant an extension of time of one month in which to respond, namely to Jan. 8, 2005. Enclosed is a check for the appropriate fee. The Office is also authorized to charge all fees under 37 CFR § 1.17, or all required extension of time fees or any deficit and credit any surplus in such fees to our deposit account #01-1960.

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